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Via Electronic Filing

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W., TW-A325
Washington, D.C. 20554

**RE: Public Interest Obligations of TV License Licensees, MM Docket No. 99-360;
Implementation of Section 4(g) of the Cable Television Consumer Protection
and Competition Act of 1992 with respect to Home Shopping Station Issues,
Docket No. 93-8.**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to section 1.1206 (b)(2) of the Commission's rules, we hereby submit this notice regarding an *ex parte* meeting in the above-referenced proceedings.

On Wednesday, April 7, 2004, representatives of several public interest groups met with staff members of the FCC's Media Bureau. Attending the meeting were Rick C. Chessen, Mary Beth Murphy, Eloise Gore, William H. Johnson, Kim Matthews, Roger Holberg and Ben Bartolome of the Media Bureau; Jeff Chester, Executive Director of Center for Digital Democracy; Gloria Tristani, Managing Director of the Office of Communication of the United Church of Christ, Inc.; Celia Wexler, Director of Research of Common Cause; Meredith McGehee, Executive Director of the Alliance for Better Campaigns; Michael Calabrese, Vice President & Director, Spectrum Policy Program for The New America Foundation; Norris Dickard, Director of Public Policy for the Benton Foundation; Jonathan Rintels, President and Executive Director of the Center for Creative Voices in Media; and Angela Campbell, director, and James A. Bachtell, staff attorney, of the Institute for Public Representation at Georgetown University Law Center.

The representatives presented and discussed with the Media Bureau the attached proposed general public interest processing guidelines for television broadcasters. The group also gave Media Bureau staff members several studies, reports and a book documenting the current lack of local civic and electoral affairs programming and the shortage of independently-produced

television programming—problems that have new implications in a digital television environment. Attached is a compendium of these studies and reports with web links.

The members also presented and discussed the proposed guidelines with Commissioner Michael J. Copps' senior legal advisor Jordon Goldstein and Commissioner Jonathon Adelstein's media advisor Johanna Shelton. Copies of the proposed guidelines were distributed to the offices of Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy, Commissioner Kevin J. Martin, and Chairman Michael K. Powell.

In accordance with the Commission's rules, this *ex parte* notice is being filed electronically in the above referenced dockets. If you have any questions regarding this filing, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 662-9535.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/

James A. Bachtell

Attachments